

## Keenan, John

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**To:** Olson, Gary  
**Cc:** Keenan, John; Todd, Bill; kris.ray@colvilletribes.com  
**Subject:** Newspaper Article

Hi Gary,

The following was in the article to our local newspaper, The Omak Chronicle.

*In October we restarted the Omak Wood Products mill after a four-year closure. Thanks to our partnerships with the Colville tribe, the community, and particularly to the hard work from our 88 employees, the mill is running again.*

*Like all re-starts of industrial facilities, there were challenges to re-opening. Recently, people have noticed a familiar, visible plume of steam and smoke, resulting from restarting the large, wood-fired steam boiler. Our boiler is regulated by Federal and Tribal environmental organizations to assure we comply with regulations. Monitoring devices adjacent to the mill constantly measure for pollutants in the air from all sources, including our boiler, your fireplaces, etc. Restarting the boiler caused a higher than desired level of wood smoke which was at times intensified by a temperature inversion and fog.*

*To those neighbors more sensitive to the presence of wood smoke, we sincerely apologize. We want everyone to know we are working hard to comply with environmental regulations with officials from the Tribal Environmental Trust, and the Federal EPA.*

*We need steam from the boiler to operate. Once we add a second shift of workers and increase operations, the complications of starting and stopping the boiler – including wood smoke – should improve. We are exploring other ways to address this as it may be an infrequent, but recurring situation as we ramp up production.*

*Omak Wood Products is committed to making the mill a success. Your patience and understanding while we get started is greatly appreciated.*

*Richard Yarborough, President Omak Wood Products*

Any questions, comments, feel free to email or call me at (509)322-7348.

Thanks,

Connie Chaney